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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due on July 23, 2003. Applicants herein submit a petition for a one month extension of time to August 23, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter;
- Petition for extension of time and check;
- Corrected Filing Receipt; and
- Postcard.

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